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1. AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL, PSD REPRESENTATIVE MET WITH MVD CHIEF OF POLICE RE ALLEGED STATEMENTS MADE BY OTERO TO THE PRESS.

2. CHIEF SHOWED PSD SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM THE THREE NEWSPAPERMEN AND FROM OTERO.

3. TWO NEWSPAPERMEN DENY HAVING SPOKEN TO OTERO. THE OTHER, AYMORE, STATES HE INTERVIEWED OTERO AT THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY. ALL THREE DENY HAVING PASSED ANY INFO TO BRAZIL.

4. ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF, TWO WITNESSES (POLICE OFFICERS) WERE PRESET AT THE INTERVIEW WITH OTERO AND NO STATEMENTS WERE GIVEN BY OTERO REGARDING MITRIONE CASE.

5. OTERO IN HIS STATEMENT CATEGORICALLY DENIES HAVING GIVEN ANY STATEMENTS RE MITRIONE. HE STATES THAT "I DID NOT EVEN KNOW MITRIONE" AND NOTES DISCREPANCIES SUCH AS ARE NOTED IN NEWSPAPER QUOTES.

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6. CHIEF STATES THAT REPORTERS WERE INTERVIEWED LAST NIGHT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND RETURNED THIS MORNING TO GIVE SIGNED STATEMENTS. HE ADDS THAT ALL THREE HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH AUTHORITIES.

7. CHIEF REASSURES THAT HE CAN VOUCH FOR OTERO'S SIGNED STATEMENT AND HAS REQUESTED CONTINOUS REPETITION OF CATEGORICAL DENIAL IN THE PRESS.

8. FOR MORE INFO ON OTERO SEE MVD 0087, DATED 20 JAN 70.

9. PSD HAS DISCUSSED AREAS OF DIVERGENCE OF OPINION AMONG THE POINTS OF VIEW HELD BY THE CHIEF OF THE POLICE LABORATORY, PS ADVISORS ON-THE-SCENE OBSERVATIONS, AND THE AUTOPSY REPORT PREPARED BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER REGARDING TIME OF DEATH MITRIONE. THE DIRECTOR OF THE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION AND HIS LABORATORY CHIEF ASSURE PSD THAT THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN STEPS TO CLARIFY THESE DIVERGENCES OF OPINION. THEY HOPE TO CLARIFY THE REPORT THROUGH DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD WITH THE JUDGE (IN WHOSE JURISDICTION MITIRONE WAS FOUND), THE POLICE LABORATORY CHIEF, THE FORENSIC LABORATORY ANALYST, AND THE OPINIONS OF ANOTHER MEDICAL EXAMINER.

10. ATTEMPTED TELCON 2100 HOURS BUT CIRCUITS OUT.
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